

## **DRAFT**

329-G/330-F Advisory Committee

Meeting Notes  
9<sup>th</sup> Floor Conference Room – DMHMRSAS  
Richmond  
November 10, 2004

Shirley Ricks opened the meeting and welcomed the advisory committee with introductions. Shirley then presented an overview of the 2003 report that was submitted by the Department to the Governor and the Senate Finance and House Appropriations Committee Chairs pursuant to the legislation.

The advisory committee then discussed the following:

- Committee recommendations of the 329-G 2004 Report –
  - Support an integrated continuum of MH/MR/SA services for children and adolescents based on evidenced-based and promising practices
  - Support statewide training for an integrated continuum of MH/MR/SA services for children and adolescents and their families
  - Support building and linking network of families
  - Support an integrated Office of Child and Family Services for leadership for child and family issues on a state wide basis through coordination of service delivery and integration of disability service systems with a goal to improve access to services for children, adolescents and families
- Recommendations of the Child and Adolescent Special Populations Workgroup – charged to develop short and long term recommendations to restructure and strengthen services for children and adolescents and their families
- Committee recommendations -
  - The Department should adopt the system of care model developed by the Georgetown University's Technical Assistance Center for Children's Mental Health
  - The Department should lead the statewide promulgation of this system of care model with other state agencies, families, CSBs, and other public and private providers
  - Maximize resources to build capacity for a comprehensive continuum of prevention, early intervention, and intensive therapeutic services
  - Fund systems of care training for regional and statewide training

- Recommend the SEC support regulatory and Code changes and budgetary initiatives to support the revision and expansion of state and local systems of care
- Support and expand the Office of Child and Family Services to assure that children's behavioral health services are prioritized and include all service entities related to children and their families
- Include in the system of care model coordinated, integrated, and individualized service planning; families as full participants in all aspects of planning and service delivery; and unitary care management even though multiple systems may be involved

The Special Populations Workgroup was created by the Commissioner and charged to develop short and long term recommendations to restructure and strengthen services for children and adolescents and their families. The Special Populations work group finished its report and submitted it to the Department in August. No additional meetings were planned for the Special populations workgroup. The 329-G workgroup is legislatively mandated and since many of the recommendations in the 329-G report and the Child and Adolescent Special Populations Workgroup Report mirror each other, the advisory committee discussed restructuring the groups and merging the Special Populations Work group with the 329-G/330-F work group and integrating the recommendations. Concerns were expressed that the merged group be representative of stakeholders and that representation is aligned with the language contained in the 329-G legislation involving agency and stakeholder representation. The committee requested staff to survey both groups' membership about continued involvement with the committee. It was suggested that when the two groups are brought together, it would be appropriate to prioritize the recommendations from both groups with particular emphasis on recommendations related to systems change and funding.

A proposal was brought forward by Brian Meyer to delineate the purpose of this group and suggested that the committee could serve the role of a clearinghouse or point of reference where recommendations related to planning and budget from on-going child-serving committees involving child and adolescent issues across MH/MR/SA would be reviewed and recommendations submitted to the respective committees, policy makers and others for planning and budget purposes. This will be on the agenda for the next meeting.

Around the agenda item of the work plan for 2004-2005, there was some discussion about committee work but it was decided that setting out priorities for the next year would occur after membership was addressed and there was consensus about the purpose of the committee. Staff was asked to develop a purpose statement for review by the committee.

A recommendation was made that the DMHMRSAS State Board Policy for Children and Adolescents and their Families be sent to the committee by e-mail and comments solicited about changes to the policy once the committee has been re-established.

The next meeting of the committee will take place on Wednesday December 15, 2004 from 10:00 AM until 1:00 PM at the Henrico CSB in Conference Room C. The CSB is located on Woodman Road in Glen Allen.

Proposed agenda for the next meeting:

1. Membership
2. Recommendations of the 2004 report
3. Recommendations of the Child and Adolescent Special Population workgroup
4. Combining recommendations of 329-G and Special Populations
5. Work plan for 2004-2005 and establishing priorities for next year
6. Meeting schedule for 2005
7. Nominations for Chair

Meeting adjourned.